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Conversation between Obolensky (originator of call) and Harold Weisberg. 3/5/65

Op. Hello. Mr. Harold Weisberg?

HW. Yes.

Op. Thank you. Go ahead, please.

Io. Harold.

HW. Yes.

Io. Ivan Obolensky.

HW. Hi. How are you?

Io. All right. Now, look. It will be absolutely no point in you coming in on Monday because it's going to take me a hell of a lot more time than that t really go thru this -

HW. Then I appreciate your calling me, but, Ivan, how fast can you make it?

Io. I can't tell you. I - this thing is foot-slogging operation. I'm trying to remedy the situation and it takes time.

HW. Yes.

Io. So I can't tell you. You just have to let me do my head, and just go.

HW. Well, will it be next week?

Io. I hope so. I can't tell you. Sometimes it takes me two weeks to do a job like this.

HW. Oh, Jesus, I hope it won't take that long ....

Io. Well, Harold, I can't help it. This is a ...

HW. I know you have other things to do, Ivan -

Io. Not only that, I've been working. I spent 4 hours this morning on it.

HW. Yes.

Io. And I - you know, I just footslog ahead. There are

HW. Yes.

Io. a hell of a lot of pages and a hell of a lot of work.

HW. Right.

Io. And there's a phell of a lot of thinking. So it just doesn't - I mean, whatever happens, somebody would have to do this job.

HW. Right.

Io. And I'm doing the job, so

HW. Right.

Io. now let me see what I can do

HW. I'm glad it's you. But you understand the reason I'm asking about time - not ~~kkma~~ trying to say by this second, but p you know, I - I will face certain alternatives.

Io. Well, I'm facing alternatives

HW. Of course.

Io. I've got a big book to get out on a deadline which is going to be well-nig impossible to meet, but you've got to give me the due of the time. God

HW. You -

Io. knows we've thrown about 4 or 5 people in the breach so far. Now they're throwing me, and I'm probably the highest lowest priced - highest priced

HW. Yes.

IO lowest paid person in the shop.

HW. Yes. I know, Ivan.

Io. So, I mean -

HW. As a matter of fact -

Io. you'll just have to let me have my head and I'll be in touch with you. ..... to my advantage to be in touch with you.

HW. Yes. Meanwhile, I'll figure my own schedule that there won't be until aft the middle of the week and then you'll let me know.

Io. Well, there won't be - well I can tell you it's going to take me a full we plus a weekend anyway. I mean, including 2 weekends. I mean I - you know I'll -

HW. In other words, it won't be next week at all.

Io. It'll be at least 10 days before I can give you

HW. Okay, Ivan.

Io. solid word unless I see it's a hopeless case. If I - if I see I can't do

HW. anything with it, I will call you before that.

HW. That's fair enough.

Io. So, no news will be bad - I mean no news will be good news.

HW. Okay, Ivan.

Io. All right.

HW. Yes, Thanks a lot.

Io. In ot her words - you know, if I'm not hopelessly bogged down, you - you know, all will be well.

HW. Right.

Io. You follow me?

HW. Yes. In other words, if I don't hear from you, I - it means that you haven't made up your mind negatively.

Io. No, it's not that. It means that I'm just looking ahead and instead of

HW. Yes.

Io. duplicating I'm working as I go.

HW. Right.

Io. In other words, I'm not horsing around with it, I don't want to have to do the thing all over again, so I'm just doing a rewrite job and a . and a snipping and a snapping and you just have to accept it that way, and I'll have some questions for you in detail to be answered.

HW. That's fair.

Io. Occasionally I will call you direct and ask a question which may be able to be clarified, but I won't do that until I get at least 10 or 20 questio that you can settle by phone.

HW. Certainly. That's a good procedure.

Io. Okay.

HW. Okay, Ivan. Fine.

Io. Bye.

HW. Bye.